

MUST ALL BE FREED

Public Schools Train Pupils to Be Self-Reliant

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS DO NOT

"On Guard" Continues His Denunciation of the Necessity of Public Schools in This Country.

ENTER GRAND RAPIDS HERALD: In my two previous communications I have shown the necessity for the individuality of our people, and that in order to have the force of personal existence each person is a sovereign, and that any influence which degrades that free exercise of the will, judgment and opinion, was a sure destructive force in free government. I pointed out wherein the difference lies in the instruction imparted in the public and parochial schools. I pointed out that while the public school aims at imparting truth and knowledge it also aims to train the minds to seek and be self-reliant in the discovery of knowledge, and that the parochial school aims at leading the mind, dominating the will and repressing the spirit of inquiry; that the one teaches self control and self reliance, while the other teaches control by superiors and dependence. If these objections are true, the insistence upon maintaining parochial schools is but little less than a crime. To compel the attendance upon them of children is a positive injury to the children themselves, for it leaves them handicapped with a spirit of dependence, rather than of independence and self-reliance. It is perfectly natural that in after life they cannot compete with the public school educated man or woman. Look about on all sides. Who are the brainy men and women who have risen to prominence? Are they not the independent thinkers, the self-reliant? Hearing upon the question of results it may be of interest to quote from the speech of one M. T. Elder of New Orleans, a Catholic, and who read a paper before the Catholic congress of Chicago last September. The speech was reported by all the Chicago papers at the time. The words I quote may be found in the Chicago Tribune of September 7 last, and are as follows:

"Why is it that the greatest men of our nation are non-Catholics? It is because the vast majority of the great men are from sturdy rural stock, and the rural stock of the United States is solidly, staunchly Protestant. Let us not whine about prejudice or intolerance, anti-popery and secret societies. Let us tell the truth to ourselves. Our inferior position, and it certainly is inferior, is owing almost wholly to ourselves. The great men of this nation are, and will continue to be, Protestants. I speak not of wealth, but of brain, of energy, of action, of heart. The great philanthropists, the great orators, the great writers, thinkers, leaders, scientists, inventors, teachers of our land, have been Protestants. What evidence is there that we have of cultivating ourselves—of talking buncombe and spread eagle and of giving taffy all round. I am very sorry to say that I cannot join in this salubrious pastime. When I am how largely Catholicity is real in no general sense. When I note how few Catholics are engaged honestly in tilling the honest soil and how many Catholics are engaged in the liquor traffic, I cannot but buncombe to anybody. When I observe the increasing poverty and pauperism of the Catholic population, I cannot but speak the truth. I see the superior vigor, originality and opportunities of Protestant lay charity over similar attempts on our part, and when I observe the immense success and influence of secret societies, even here in this most Catholic city of the Union, I have no heart for taffy giving. When I reflect that out of the 70,000,000 of this nation we number only 9,000,000 and out of the 9,000,000 so large a portion is made up of poor factory hands, poor mill and shop and mine and railroad employees, poor government clerks, I still fail to find material for buncombe, for spread eagle or taffy giving."

Coming from the source they do, the foregoing utterances have special significance and should challenge thoughtful attention. The speaker put the very significant question: "Why is it that the greatest men of our nation are non-Catholic?" The answer given was that, "It is because the vast majority of these great men are from sturdy rural stock, and the rural stock is solidly, staunchly Protestant." The answer is wrong. It is not because they come from the rural districts, nor is it because they are Protestant. The whole secret of progress and greatness is the principle that gives to man the right of private judgment, and his right to express it when once formed. It is true this principle was at the foundation of the reformation, but it was a long time before Protestantism recognized this principle to its full extent and meaning; it may be said to new accord it. Protestants have persecuted because of the exercise of private judgment, and that persecution, though milder in form, has come down to very recent date, and is still being stimulated from some Protestant minds and bodies—at the present time. My oratory is a very plainish thing, even with Protestants, and to accord to all the full right of private judgment and the right to express it, has been a slow process. Let me give but a single instance of Protestant intolerance of this great and just principle.

Michael Servetus was a Spanish physician, probably the most learned in the sciences of medicine and physiology of his day, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, a man of great intellect and learning. He had theological disputes with both Catholic and Protestant. His principal heresy consisted in maintaining that "Christ was not the son of God from all eternity, but only since his incarnation." At the instigation of John Calvin, who founded Presbyterianism, and but for whom Servetus would not have been condemned, he was executed by being fastened to a stake by rope and chain, and, according to Mosheim, the fuel was of green oak, and he was there burned by a slow fire, his agonies lasting a full half hour. Farrell, the friend and colleague of Calvin, said to Servetus, while bound to the stake, if thou wouldst save thyself, call on "Jesus the eternal son of God." This refused, Farrell addressed the crowd: "You see how mighty is the power of Satan. This wretch, who is about to suffer, is a very learned man, perhaps even he may think that what he has done is right. But the devil has him in his clasp, having taken entire possession. Take heed that a similar calamity befalls not yourselves." Afterward Calvin wrote of this execution: "Am I guilty of crime because our senate, at my instance, recondemned itself of my venerable bias?" I am here contending for a principle that underlies our free institutions, and

the denial of which means destruction of the state. The first amendment to the constitution guaranteed free speech and a free press, thereby fully recognizing the right of private judgment. Any system of instruction of the youth of the land which does not recognize these fundamental principles of freedom would necessarily result in just the condition of affairs to which M. T. Elder so forcibly points. And that condition will continue as long as the parochial school shall continue its course of repression of the will. The reason a certain people, to which M. T. Elder refers, do not become great thinkers, writers, leaders and scientists, is because they have been denied the right to think for themselves, and unless one thinks for himself he cannot expect to excel in any department of life requiring study and thought. The parochial schools conducted by those who deny independence of thought, where the mind is lead and not trained to think, must produce men and women incapable of greatness; they cannot compete with those coming from the public schools where pupils are taught to be self-reliant.

Take the men and women who adhere to popery—and that is their right—and who have made themselves felt in public and social life, and almost without exception you will find they have acquired their education in our public schools and there learned to be self-reliant. It is so in this city as well as elsewhere. These are serious thoughts for those who are compelled to send their children to parochial schools to consider. Will our American born citizens longer permit a power to dictate to them to the positive injury of their children? I am aware that many refuse this dictation, and send their children to schools where their minds are trained, and not led, that they may compete for the honorable positions of life. I have talked with many young men and women who were obliged to attend parochial schools, who express deep regret for the lack of training of the mind which they, in after life, find so necessary, and which they see as a characteristic of those who come from our public schools. Let our people who are self-reliant, and not led, be dictated to by foreign influences, adopt the purely American ideas and all will have equal chance.

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Including fine Table Cloths and Napkins in sets at manufacturer's prices.

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